

## **DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Minutes**

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**November 1, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

**Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse  
443 S. 135<sup>th</sup> West**

Eleven District Advisory Board Members including one youth and seven City Staff attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Approximately 30 members of the public were present with 22 signing the sign-in sheet.

#### **Members Present**

David Almes  
Bob Bulman  
David Dennis  
Maurice Ediger  
Jerry Hoggatt  
Andy Johnson  
John Marker  
DeAnn Sullivan  
Ann Welborn  
Monica Vashaw  
Scott Johnson  
Council Member Bob Martz

#### **Staff Present**

Officer Addie Perkins, Police  
Kurt Schroeder, Central Inspection  
Deb Legge, Central Inspection  
Randy Sparkman, Central Inspection  
Doug Kupper, Parks & Recreation  
David McGuire, Parks & Recreation  
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

#### **Members Absent**

Steve Winslow

#### **Guests**

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#### **Call to Order**

**Bob Martz, City Council Member**, called the meeting to order at 7:08. He welcomed the public and explained the role of the District Advisory Board (DAB) as a citizen advisory group for the actions he takes during City Council Meetings. He said the Board consists of volunteers who represent the council district areas. Both district and citywide issues are presented to the board for their comments and recommendations, typically after hearing public input. As a Council Member, he said that he facilitates the meeting but does not vote as his vote is made when the City Council votes on the items. He introduced the youth member representing Maize High School, Scott Johnson, and said how much he appreciated Scott's involvement on the Board. Other youth members will also be appointed by school administrators as representatives of Bishop Carroll and Northwest High Schools.

#### **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

The minutes for October 4, 2004 were approved with a correction on the date of the next meeting as corrected by a vote of 11:0 (**Johnson/Almes**).

## **Staff Reports**

### **Community Police Report**

**Community Police Officer Addie Perkins, Beat 19**, reported that District V incidents of larcenies and property crimes had continued to decrease due to increased enforcement and targeting of certain areas. She said that a campaign to make residents more aware of action they could take to prevent these crimes had also helped. She encouraged everyone to continue to partner with the police to do their part to protect themselves by locking their cars and leaving any valuables locked in the trunk, especially during the holiday shopping season.

Officer Perkins said police were responding to speeding complaints in neighborhood by using the “radar trailers.” These are electronic devices that show the motorist speed and raise consciousness about how fast they are driving. The radars also record the speeds, providing a report to the police on the incidence of speeding. If a high incidence is indicated, police then form a plan for further enforcement.

In addition, Officer Perkins said that many homeowner associations in District V are having their annual member meetings. The Community Police Officers in those areas are busy attending as many meetings as they could to be present as partners for the residential areas.

Johnson asked for clarification on the classification of motorized scooters to which Officer Perkins said the scooters are considered a vehicle. However, for Police to issue a warning or citation, the police officer must observe the violation. She encouraged residents to contact the West Police Station with information, as the scooters are not safe to operate on the streets.

**Action: The information was received and filed.**

## **New Business**

### **Office of Central Inspection Update**

**Randy Sparkman, Zoning, License and Sign Supervisor for the Office of Central Inspection (OCI)**, introduced himself and said he could be contacted at 268-4479, or by e-mail at [rsparkman@wichita.gov](mailto:rsparkman@wichita.gov). He reported that the commercial zoning portion of his division involves working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) as well as enforcement of commercial zoning regulations set by the City Council. He oversees two employees who serve the entire city area. Sparkman said that the majority of the enforcement is response to complaints from citizens or reports from other staff, and that he works with the Neighborhood Inspection area of OCI on the residential concerns.

Sparkman said the licensing portion includes inspecting all Dining and Established Restaurants (DERs) for their structural code compliance. Inspections are also conducted in these facilities by the Fire Department for fire prevention & safety and the Environmental Health Department for food licensing and safety.

Included also in the licensing portion of OCI are Itinerant Merchant Licenses for people who periodically send from a stand as opposed to within a store building, and reports of graffiti that involves working with Legge's area. Sparkman encouraged residents to report the graffiti to the city for quick action, as much of this violation is associated with gang activity. Police, Fire, and Environmental Health are also involved in this enforcement.

**Bulman** asked what progress had been made on billboard regulations. **Sparkman** said that his supervisor, **Kurt Schroeder, Superintendent of the Office of Central Inspection**, is the lead staff person for this issue and asked Schroeder to respond. **Schroeder** reported that meetings with businesses had been held, the MAPC had made recommendations as well as all District Advisory Boards, and City Council had provided feedback on the draft regulation. With all recommendations considered, Staff is now ready to present the final draft for the regulation. Most of the challenges have been related with the Limited Commercial zoning.

**Council Member Martz** said that the City Council would hear the recommended regulations tomorrow. One recommended change to use the square footage size as what was referred to a "junior billboard." This would limit the larger size to areas like Kellogg and Highway 235.

**Bulman** asked about "double" billboards to which Schroeder said they would be handled as tri-panes and in the future, more message & "movie" boards will be seen. Only one sign will be allowed on each pole.

**Hoggatt** asked what kind of changes will be seen to which Sparkman said the zoning restrictions for signage would remain the same but we could see more signs.

**Dennis** thanked staff for their work on this issue as the large signs certainly affect the quality of life for residential areas.

**Johnson** asked about signs nailed to the utility poles to which **Sparkman** explained the poles belong to the utility companies. The state is currently working on some regulation associated with insurance.

**Staff** asked Sparkman to comment on signage in the city right-of-way. **Sparkman** said it is illegal and that signs can only be posted on private property by the property owner or with the owner's permission.

**Deb Legge, Neighborhood Inspection Supervisor** for OCI, then spoke saying her responsibilities include enforcement of housing codes, residential zoning including home office, and graffiti. The areas are handled by 12 positions and include these employees attending neighborhood court for violations by the property owner including landlords for rental property. Their programs also include the Neighborhood Clean-up Program that responds to request by neighborhoods for an organized cleanup that includes the city—OCI, Police, & Environmental Health—and the residents in the area. The City provides large dumpsters for trash and tires and handles disposal after the cleanup.

Legge reminded the Board about the Joint Nuisance Codes that were established a few years ago that address junk cars, tall grass and weeds, and junk & debris. Under the new code, departments of Police, Environmental Health, and OCI can start a case through their identification of any of the violations. The enforcing department is then responsible for the abatement which may begin earlier than before due to a shorter time period for compliance. In addition, more funds were made available by City Council to remove the nuisance. It is also possible for citizens to check on the progress with cases by address through the city's website by using the "e-permitting" portion of the site. In addition, the Neighborhood Action Line—529-9999—may be used to phone complaints about specific addresses. Staff is available to answer the phone line during work hours and voice mail will record the complaint after hours.

**Council Member Martz** commented on two cases that were recently addressed by this division of OCI division when complaints of home businesses without licenses were received from residents. He thanked Legge for the assistance.

**Action: The information was received and filed.**

#### **Ralph Wultz Riverside Tennis Center Complex**

**Doug Kupper, Parks & Recreation**, presented background on the item saying that a suggestion had been made a few years ago to the City Manager at that time, Chris Cherches, to construct an indoor tennis complex at this site in Riverside Park. In response, the City Council took action to provide \$2.5 million in the Capital Improvement Program for construction costs requesting a match of \$2.5 million and to issue requests for proposals (RFPs) to construct and operate the facility. The City would be the property owner and the selected agency would operate the facility. The year-round recreation center would target serving children and families of all ages, especially those of special needs including at-risk children and individuals with disabilities. An additional purpose would be to increase tournament play, professional tennis events and exhibitions, and be available for high school and college play.

Friends of the Riverside Tennis Association (FRTA) and Genesis Health Clubs each submitted a proposal in response to the City's RFP process. Each presented their plans on September 29, 2004 to a city council workshop at which the Council directed staff to arrange presentations by each responder to the District Advisory Boards for comments and advice.

Kupper then asked each agency to present their individual proposal. Each emphasized the overall value of tennis as a life-long sport that teaches a discipline for a better quality of life and spoke of expanding their existing involvement in current tennis programs for youth. Operation of the facility appeared to be the main difference in each proposal.

Representatives from FRTA, including **Bobbie Harris** as the main presenter, focused on using a community approach with other community agencies, such as USD 259, Youth Alliance, the City, and others working together on tennis programs for children and families. The program would be based on an existing program that currently partners with the YMCA and schools to provide transportation, tennis lessons, and equipment. Their proposal would share the cost of

operating and management with the city. They stated that the match of \$2.5 million had already been raised through pledges.

**Rodney Stevens**, owner of Genesis Health Club, and other representatives reported that a major factor for the need of such community programs is promotion of children's health. Examples were given of Genesis' ability to build successful programs including the revival of tennis at the former Racquet Club; award of grant funding; success with fitness programs at several locations including the W. 13<sup>th</sup> & Socora facility that partners with Via Christi Medical; and a current program working with elementary schools to provide tennis clinics and work with physical education programs. No memberships would be required to use the tennis courts but a fee would be charged after the first free visit. Genesis plans to fund any shortfalls through memberships to the fitness center planned for the complex also.

The District Advisory Board Members expressed the following comment and concerns:

- Issue of for-profit agency operating on park/city land
- Would like to see the two organizations work together on this effort
- Would like to see numbers to assess current usage of existing facilities, both public & private
- Need for periodic evaluation to assess on-going management, including funding information
- Good location
- How funds would be kept separate
- Youth program description, especially hours available, transportation, involvement, scheduling
- What happens if the non-profit generates a loss
- Impact on other tennis facilities in the community

No formal recommendation was made but several Members expressed the need to analyze whether the facility was really needed; support for Genesis due to the elimination of the financial risk for the City; and, support for the two organizations working together on the program to utilize the strengths of each. Members also recommended that future analysis of proposals include weighting of the factors involved in the criteria for scoring each.

**Council Member Martz** told the Board and public that he appreciated the comments and input, and felt this discussion will be helpful for his decision-making. He also said that he welcomed any additional input through e-mail.

**Action: Receive and file.**

### **Public Agenda**

*This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.*

No items were reported.

## **Board Agenda**

### **Updates, Issues, and Reports**

*Reports given about activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.*

#### **Council Member**

**Council Member Martz** referred the Board to the handout on Visioneering Wichita and asked if they would like to have a presentation on the initiative. The Board is interested and staff will arrange the presentation for the next Board meeting in December.

The Council Member then provided an update on the work of Public Works towards considering speed tables as traffic calming devices. The Traffic Engineer initiated the study but has accepted a new position out of state. Another staff person in the Traffic Engineering division will take over the study but will need time to phase out of their current responsibilities.

The last update concerned the Firefly & Azure area that recently was approved by Council for a street paving project. Immediately following the paving project approval, the City Council Member learned about a proposed Water & Sewer project for constructing a force main in the area. The force main project will be covered by General Obligation Bonds and will include aesthetics. If the force main project is constructed during the paving project, the cost of the sewer project will be decreased due to the opportunity to lay the sewer line. Postponing the Water & Sewer project for several years will require the need to re-pave the streets after the sewer line is constructed, increasing the cost. However, doing both projects at the same time will cost the homeowners more over the appraisal time period.

Council Member Martz has asked Public Works to collect information on the options & estimated costs for each project to present to the property owners during December for their input. Consideration also needs to be given to whether curb & gutter is needed due to drainage requirements. Public Works has indicated that collecting the information may not be possible until February.

#### **DAB Members**

**Ediger** suggested that the city partner with property owners on some type of cleanup for leaves. He asked if possibilities for a schedule could be considered where different neighborhoods rake their leaves into the street for the street sweeper to pick up. Council Member Martz said he would discuss with other council members.

**Marker** reported that the Holland Construction area was being filled again with construction debris and property owners were reporting poor drainage in the area that crosses the road south to the Holland Construction site. Staff responded that clean construction debris was acceptable as long as no hazardous materials are used. In addition, Public Works Storm Water staff had inspected the area and reported that the drainage ditch is adequate for catching the runoff.

It was also reported that another fatal accident had occurred at the curve on West Central between 119<sup>th</sup> & 135<sup>th</sup> where the city had placed a metal barricade with signage due to previous

accidents. This particular accident did not involve the home and garage that were also a previous concern.

A question was asked about the current role of the Park Board. Council Member Martz said the Board is advisory now but in the past has had more authority. However, some properties deeded to the Park Board may be still controlled by that board.

The next regular meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2004.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant  
City Council District V

**Guest List**

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Connie Cates, 2022 N. Parkdale  
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Ralph Hudson, 1232 Firefly  
Patty Hudson, 1232 Firefly  
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Simon Norman, 2725 N. Cranberry  
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